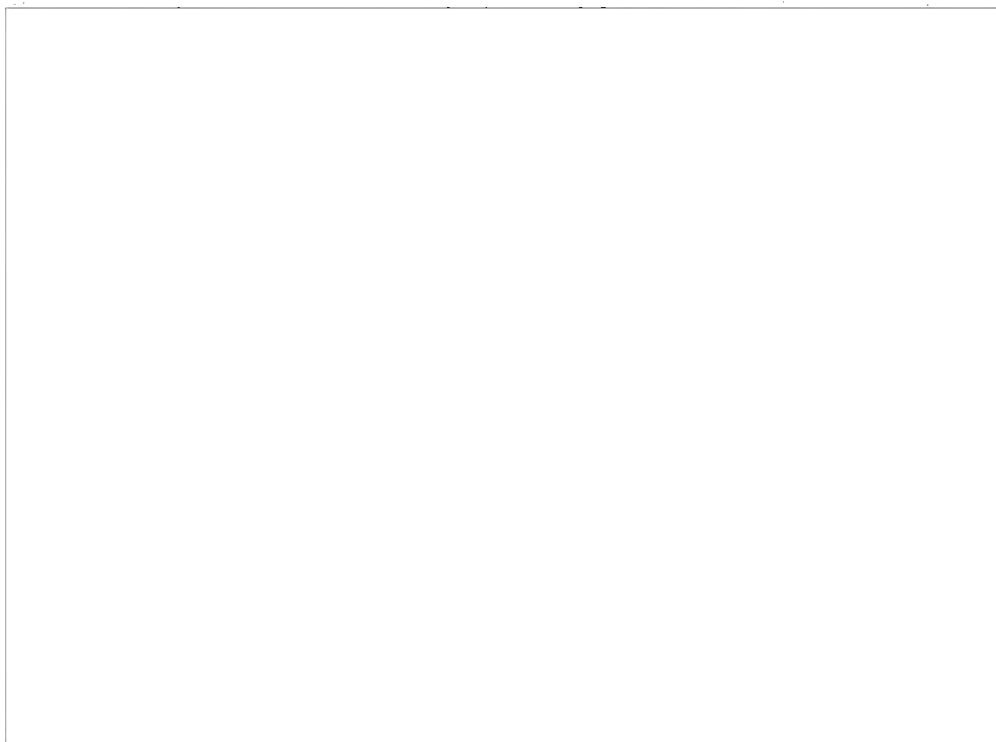


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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--7 MAY 1964

1. LAOS:

A. THE COUP GROUP IS TIGHTENING UP THE REINS ON SOUVANNA.

B. ON TUESDAY PHOUMI ANNOUNCED THAT THE PREMIER HAD AGREED TO CHANGES IN THE CABINET DESIGNED TO "IMPROVE" ITS EFFICIENCY.

C. WE THINK THE DECLARATION HAD SOUVANNA'S APPROVAL IN NAME ONLY.

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E. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THE PATHET LAO HAVE TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF PHOUMI'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

F. SOUVANNA ALSO HAS A BIG HURDLE TO SURMOUNT ON 11 MAY WHEN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DOMINATED BY RIGHTISTS, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET. HE IS WORRIED THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO A FORMAL BREAK WITH THE PATHET LAO.

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[REDACTED]

G. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THEN SOUVANNA WOULD PROBABLY
PACK HIS BAGS FOR PARIS.

H. TODAY SOUVANNA FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG TO DISCUSS
THE CRISIS WITH THE KING.

2. CUBA:

A. RECENT INTERCEPTS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL SAM
SITES ARE BEING PLACED UNDER MORE CENTRALIZED CONTROL [REDACTED]

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E. THE PATTERN OF TIGHTER CONTROL MAY BE DESIGNED TO
MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF AN UNAUTHORIZED SHOOTDOWN. IT WILL
GIVE CASTRO TIGHTER CONTROL OVER HIS NEWLY FORMED AND TRAINED
SAM TROOPS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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3. TURKEY-CYPRUS:



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D. THERE WAS SCATTERED FIRING ON THE ISLAND YESTERDAY AND IT IS CONTINUING THIS MORNING.

E. IN NICOSIA, GENERAL GYANI, TOLD AMBASSADOR BELCHER THAT HE HAS AN "ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TASK" AND HINTED HE WOULD NOT EXTEND HIS THREE-MONTH COMMITMENT.

F. GYANI BLAMED TURKEY FOR MUCH OF HIS DIFFICULTY BECAUSE ANKARA CONTINUED TO HOLD OUT HOPE OF INTERVENTION TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.



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4. CONGO(BRAZZAVILLE):

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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5. BRITISH GUIANA:

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[REDACTED]

6. GERMANY-ZANZIBAR:

A. THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO
TAKE OVER THE EAST GERMAN AID PROJECTS ON ZANZIBAR IN RETURN
FOR RECOGNITION BY THE NEW UNION GOVERNMENT AS PROMISED BY
KAMBONA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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B. KAMBONA INDICATED [REDACTED] THAT EVEN
IF THE UNION RECOGNIZED WEST GERMANY IT MIGHT ACCEPT AN EAST
GERMAN TRADE MISSION.

C. CARRYING THROUGH ON THIS DEAL WITH BONN COULD PRO-
VIDE A SEVERE TEST OF THE UNION AND OF KAMBONA AND NYERERE'S
STRENGTH ON ZANZIBAR WHERE BABU STILL APPEARS TO RIDE HIGH.

7. NOTES:

A. ADEN: THE REBELS IN THE RADFAN HILLS, 60 MILES
NORTH OF ADEN, ARE PROVING TO BE DETERMINED AND WELL ORGANIZED.
THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH RIFLES, SOME AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND
MORTARS.

B. PANAMA: CUBAN-TRAINED PANAMANIAN REVOLUTIONARIES
MAY TRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE THIS WEEK, POSSIBLY INCLUDING A
MARCH ON THE CANAL ZONE ON SATURDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

C. CUBA: AMBASSADOR FINLETTER, REPORTING ON CONVERSA-
TIONS WITH NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRANCE,
BELGIUM, ITALY, CANADA AND THE NETHERLANDS, SAYS HIS IMPRES-
SION IS THAT A CHAIN REACTION MAY BE ABOUT TO GET UNDER WAY
TO BREAK THE FRONT AGAINST CREDITS TO CUBA.

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